Nigeria	Norway	Palau	Panama
Papua New Guinea	Paraguay	Peru	Philippines
Poland	Portugal	Qatar	Rep. of Korea
Romania	Russia	Rwanda	St. Kitts & Nevis
St. Lucia	St. Vincent	Samoa	San Marino
Soa Tome & Principe	Saudi Arabia	Senegal	Seychelles
Sierra Leone	Singapore	Slovakia	Slovenia
Solomon Is	Somalia	South Africa	Spain
Sri Lanaka	Sudan	Surinam	Swaziland
Sweden	Switzerland	Syria	Tajikstan
Thailand	Togo	Tonga	Trinidad & Tobago
Tunisia	Turkey	Turkmenistan	Tuvalu
Uganda	Ukraine	U.K.	UR Tanzania
USA	Uruguay	Uzbekistan	Venezuela
Vietnam	Yemen	Yugoslavia	Zaire
Zambia	Zimbabwe		

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Modernisation of Armed Forces by China

4554 DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR:
SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that China has been rapidly modernising its armed forces and equipping them with sophisticated aircrafts, air defence weapons and enhancing its blue water capabilities, and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that China is a major source of supply of weapons, particularly of combat aircrafts, missiles and tanks to Pakistan; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Government in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) to (c) Government are aware of China's defence modernisation programme, including the increase in its defence budget. Government are also aware of the extensive defence cooperation between China and Pakistan, including the supply of Chinese aircraft, missiles and other weapons and transfer of sophisticated military technology to Pakistan. The Chinese Government are aware of our concerns in this regard. They have stated that China does not pose any threat to its neighbours. The Chinese Government have also stated that one of the principles on the basis of which they export arms is that such sales should

not contribute to any new problems or tensions in the region. Government closely monitor all development with a bearing on the country's security and take appropriate counter measures to safeguard the national interest.

सूरीनाम में भारतीय मूल के लोगों की दशा

4555. **श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र :** क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि सूरीनाम में रह रहे भारतीय मूल के लोगों की स्थिति दिन-प्रति दिन बिगड़ती जा रही है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार उनकी बिगड़ती स्थिति को राजनयिक स्तर पर सुधारने का विचार रखती है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सलमान खुर्शीद) : (क) भारत सरकार ने इस आशय की खबरें देखी हैं कि सूरीनाम के लोग कुछ आर्थिक कठिनाइयों का सामाना कर रहे हैं। बहरहाल इस मंत्रालय को इस आशय की कोई सूचना नहीं मिली है कि केवल भारतीय मूल के लोगों की हालत बिगड़ रही है।

(ख) और (ग) भारत सरकार की यह नीति है कि दूसरे देशों के आन्तरिक मामलों में हस्तक्षेप न किया जाए। बहरहाल, जब भी अनुरोध किया गया है। भारत सरकार ने विशेष रूप से आई० टी० ई० सी० कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत सदैव वह सब सहायता दी है जो सूरीनाम की सरकार को स्वीकार्य हो।

Agricultural assistance to Burkina Faso

4556. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have offered to provide assistance to Burkina Faso for agricultural development;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Burkina Faso thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID): (a) Yes; Sir.

(b) The Government of India have allocated Rs. 15.8 Crores for an Agricultural Development Project in Burkina Faso in response to a specific request made by that country's President during his two.day visit to India in July 1994. This grant is to be utilised for purchase of agricultural machinery and equipment from India and deputation of six Indian agricultural experts. A Project Report has already been finalised in consultation with the receipient Government and the Project is now in initial stages of actual implementation.

(c) Burkina Faso Government has received this offer with enthusiasm and gratitude. During the India.Bukina Faso Joint Commission meeting held in New Delhi on 17th and 18th February, 1995, the Burkinabe side endorsed the Project prepared by the Indian side for implementation.

Indo-Sri Lankan agreements about the people of Indian Origin

4557. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of implementation of Indo-Sri Lankan agreements on the people of Indian origin:

(b) the number of persons of Indian origin who have applied for registration.